GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:797
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Foodgrains procured from States
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains procured by the Government from each State especially from Gujarat, year-wise during the last three years;
(b) whether due to lower procurement price for foodgrains under MSP during last two years, the farmers were forced to sell their produce to private agencies and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the MPS for procurement at par with the price of foodgrains sold in the open market so as to provide benefit to the farmers; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): The State-wise procurement of paddy/rice and wheat for central pool during last three years including Gujarat is enclosed as Annexure-I & II respectively.
(b): No, Madam. There is a Uniform Policy for procurement by Government Agencies across the country. Under this policy, food grains offered by farmers, conforming to within stipulated period specifications prescribed are purchased at Minimum Support Price (MSP) by the State Government agencies including Food Corporation of India (FCI) for Central Pool. However, if producer/farmer get better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market i.e. to private trader/ anyone. The objective of procurement by Government agencies is to ensure that farmers get remunerative prices for their produce thereby avoiding distress sale.
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(c) & (d): Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various foodgrains for procurement by Government Agencies based on the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), views of State Governments, concerned Central Ministries and other relevant factors. While formulating its recommendations on price policy, CACP considers various important factors that include cost of cultivation, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living etc. Government of India (GOI) declares MSP for each season to incentivize the farmers.
The MSP of Wheat and Paddy in the last 3 years are as follows:
(Rs/Qtl)
Wheat
Paddy
Common
Grade A
2014-15
1400
1360
1400
2015-16
1450
1410
1450
2016-17
1525
1470
1510
The MSP over the past years shows an increasing trend.
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ANNEXURE-I
ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 797 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2017 IN LOK SABHA.
Procurement of Rice for Central Pool during last three years
(Fig. in LMT)
S.No.
STATES/ UTs
KMS 2013-14
KMS 2014-15
KMS 2015-16

1
Andhra Pradesh
37.37
35.96
43.36
2
Telangana
43.53
35.04
15.79
3
Assam
0.00
0.15
0.42
4
Bihar
9.42
16.14
12.25
5
Chandigarh
0.12
0.10
0.16
6
Chattisgarh
42.90
34.23
34.42
7
Delhi
0.00
0.00
0.00
8
Gujarat
0.00
0.00
0.01
9
Haryana
24.06
20.15
28.61
10
Himachal Pradesh
0.00
0.00
0.00
11
Jharkhand
0.00
0.06
2.06
12
Jammu & Kashmir
0.00
0.00
0.07
13
Karnataka
0.00
0.88
0.55
14
Kerala
3.59
3.74
3.82
15

Madhya Pradesh
10.45
8.07
8.49
16
Maharashtra
1.61
1.99
2.29
17
Nagaland
0.00
0.00
0.00
18
Odisha
28.01
33.57
33.69
19
Pondicherry
0.00
0.00
0.00
20
Punjab
81.06
77.86
93.50
21
Rajasthan
0.00
0.00
0.00
22
Tamilnadu
6.84
10.51
11.92
23
Uttar Pradesh
11.27
16.98
29.10
24
Uttarakhand
4.63
4.65
5.98
25
West Bengal
13.59
20.32
15.68
Total
318.45
320.40
342.17
Rice include paddy in terms of Rice
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ANNEXUERE-II
ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 797 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2017 IN LOK SABHA.
Procurement of Wheat for Central Pool during last three years
(Fig. in LMT)
SL No
STATES/ Uts
RMS 2014-15
RMS 2015-16
RMS 2016-17
1

Punjab
116.41
103.44
106.49
2
Haryana
64.95
67.78
67.52
3
Uttar Pradesh
6.28
22.67
7.97
4
Madhya Pradesh
70.94
73.09
39.92
5
Bihar
-
0.00
0.00
6
Rajasthan
21.59
13.00
7.62
7
Uttrakhand
0.01
0.04
0.02
8
Chandigarh
0.05
0.11
0.07
9
Delhi
-
0.02
0.00
10
Gujarat
0.73
0.00
TOTAL
280.23
280.88
229.61
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